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Via Electronic Filing

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W., TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

**RE: Second Periodic Review of the Commission's Rules and Policies Affecting the Conversion To Digital Television, MB Docket No. 03-15;
Standardized and Enhanced Disclosure Requirements for Television Broadcast Licensee Public Interest Obligations, MM Docket No. 00-168;
Public Interest Obligations of TV License Licensees, MM Docket No. 99-360**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to section 1.1206 (b)(2) of the Commission's rules, we hereby submit this notice regarding an *ex parte* communication in the above-referenced proceedings.

On Monday, June 28, 2004, representatives of the Public Interest, Public Airwaves Coalition sent the attached thank you letter to FCC Chairman Michael K. Powell concerning a meeting on Wednesday June 23.

In accordance with the Commission's rules, this *ex parte* notice is being filed electronically in the above referenced dockets. If you have any questions regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 662-9543.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/

James A. Bachtell

Attachment

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Chairman Michael Powell
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

On behalf of the *Public Interest Public Airwaves Coalition*, thank you for taking the time to meet with us on Wednesday, June 23 to discuss broadcasters' public interest obligations in the digital TV age.

As broadcasters prepare for the transition from analog to digital spectrum – which will bring them hundreds of millions of dollars in new revenue streams – the *Coalition* is working to ensure that the public's needs will be served. After all, the broadcast airwaves are public property. We believe that before your agency sets new rules that govern digital programming, it must ensure that broadcasters are fulfilling their statutory public interest obligations.

Thank you again for a productive meeting, and we look forward to working with you and the Media Bureau on these issues.

Sincerely,

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